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F. B. JACQUES SOLD \$85,000 WORTH WAR SAVING STAMPS HERE

Unique Record by Local Representative of Life Insurance Company

\$65,000,000 TOTAL SALE

Fifteen Hundred Clerks Did Wonderful Work for Various War Charities

In an interview with F. B. Jacques, who has just returned from the Annual Conference held in New York by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, we learned of the great work done for the Government last year in the sale of War Savings Stamps and Bonds, by the employees of this Company. It is generally known that in January 1918, this Company took upon itself an obligation to sell through its employees, \$65,000,000.00 of War Savings Stamps. This was considered an impossibility not only by some members of the Company, but by other concerns. However, the work was begun, and progressed slowly for the first few weeks. In March through proper organization, the sales began in earnest, and by the end of August the full quota of \$65,000,000.00 had been sold and delivered. It was then decided to double the quota, making the total \$130,000,000.00, by the end of the year. Sales continued until the last Bond Campaign was launched, when the Company was asked to help in the Bond Drive. They sold \$18,000,000.00 of Bonds. When this was over the Stamp Campaign was continued, and before the end of the year \$112,000,000.00 of Bonds were sold and delivered. This with the \$18,000,000.00 of Bonds made \$130,000,000.00 of government securities disposed of, or double the allotment assumed at the beginning of the year. The Company itself purchased \$200,000,000.00 of securities in Bonds and Stamps. As to the work done in the territory supervised by Mr. Jacques, we learned that the District's quota was \$61,000,000.00. The actual sales made by the representatives of the St. Johnsbury Staff in Stamps amounted to over \$86,000,000.00.

As to other activities of the Company and its employees, they are too numerous to give in detail. It may be of interest however, to know that the Home Office clerks purchased materials and made after office hours three million surgical dressings, and four thousand complete sets of undergarments for destitute women and children in France. Three hundred fifty clerks had the supervision of the sugar cards for the state of New York, which comprised 25,000 grocery stores. Fifteen hundred clerks gave their time every evening last year for government clerical work. Ten expert stenographers gave all their time. One physician gave his services to ambulance sanitation throughout this country and distributed two thousand health pamphlets, and another did similar work in the allied countries in Europe.

When asked what effect this had upon the insurance business, we learned that very little was said about insurance, no drives for business were made, but at the end of the year the Company had done about \$100,000,000 more business than ever before the total business amounted to over \$882,000,000.00. The Ordinary business in the State of Vermont amounted to over \$200,000,000.00. Business in St. Johnsbury District in 1918 far exceeded that of any other year, the total in Ordinary alone being considerably over a half million.

PRESS MEETING

Greene to be Guest of Vermont Association—Pelley to Sneak (Special to the Free Press)

Montpelier, Jan. 27—The annual meeting of the Vermont Press Association will be held here March 7 and 8, if hotel accommodations are available, according to President W. C. Belknap.

An attendance of about 50 is expected. The meeting was postponed in order that the association could have for its guest Congressman Frank L. Greene, who will be able to come in March, but could not do so in January.

William Dudley Pelley, the short story writer, will also be a speaker at the meeting, and will tell the newspaper men about his Siberian experiences. The meeting on the whole promises to be an interesting one.—Burlington Free Press.

OUR WANT ADS PAY

LOCAL BOY THREE TIMES CITED FOR HEROISM IN ACTION

Lieut.-Colonel Alfred G. Arnold Honored by Gen. Pershing and French War Office

One of the proudest men in St. Johnsbury in these post-war days is Mr. Lyndog Arnold of 90 Eastern Avenue and there is a good and valid reason for his pride. His son, Alfred, well-known to many local young people, has been three times cited in the despatches for valor on the field of battle. One of them comes from General Pershing for extraordinary heroism near Medeah Ferme, France, from the 4th to the 9th of last October; and the other two from the French commander in chief. Following are the decorations: Headquarters of the Armies of the East.

STAFF
Personal Bureau
(Decorations)

Order No. 12,059 "D" (Extract)
After approbation of the General Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, the Maréchal, Commander-in-Chief of the French Armies of the East, cites in the order of the Army:

Lieut.-Colonel Alfred G. Arnold, 9th U. S. Infantry.

"During the operations of the Blanc Mont, from the 3rd to the 10th of October, he inspired his troops by the dash and quickness of perception with which he grasped the changing conditions of the attack. He gave proof of a unique military knowledge in assuring the safety of the exposed right flank of the Second Division by repulsing successfully massed counter-attacks and maintaining liaison in spite of very intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire."

Headquarters, 30 November, 1918.
Commander-in-Chief of French Armies of the East.

True copy
Lieutenant-Colonel
Chief of the Personnel Bureau.
Lo Headquarters of the Armies of the N. and E.

STAFF
Personal Bureau
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Order No. 11,728 "D" (Extract)
After approbation of the General Commander-in-Chief of the A. E. F. in France, the Maréchal C. in C. of the French Armies of the N. and E. cites in the order of the Army:

Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. Arnold, 9th U. S. Infantry.

"Gave to his men the finest example of heroism and of perfect judgment. Always among them in the first line, he organized his position without the slightest thought of danger. On several occasions he personally led his men to the attack under violent machine gun fire, securing the capture of machine gun nests and strong points. His calm and his presence of mind contributed very largely to the successes gained by the Second Battalion."

Headquarters, 20 November, 1918.
The Commander-in-Chief.
Signed: BUAT.

True Copy
Lieutenant-Colonel
Chief of the Personnel Bureau.

General Headquarters
American Expeditionary Forces
Personnel Bureau
France, 22 November, 1918
By Courier

From: The Adjutant General, American E. F.
To: Commanding General, 2nd Division.

Subject: Decorations.

1. The Commander-in-Chief, in the name of the President, has awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to the following officers and soldiers for the acts of extraordinary heroism described after their names:

Lieut.-Colonel Alfred G. Arnold, 9th Inf., No. 1209.

For extraordinary heroism in action near Medeah Ferme, France, 4-9 October, 1918.

This officer displayed the most inspiring personal bravery and cool judgment under massed counter-attacks, heavy machine gun fire and intensive artillery barrage. Performing many gallant acts beyond those in the line of his duty, Lieut.-Colonel Arnold held his lines, maintained liaison under difficult conditions with the unit on his right, and at a critical time repelled a serious counter-attack.

By Command of General Pershing, Adjutant General.

A True Copy.
JOHN W. LLUFRIE,
Major, A. G. D.

Fairbanks Bowling team came home Monday from Sherbrooke where they played the Sherbrooke team three games, losing 150 pins.

ONE YEAR EXTRA PAY PLAN FAVORED BY OUR SOLDIERS

National Headquarters Present Their Request for Year's Pay

PUT BILL TO CONGRESS

Thinks Thirty Dollars a Month Too Small Pay for the Soldier

The Weekly Caledonian is in receipt of the following letter from one of our local boys who has been overseas.

Editor The Caledonian:

Dear Sir:—
Do you know that the majority of the men that joined the service this year at Norfolk gave up positions paying them around \$150.00 per month and some as much as \$300.00 per month? Compare that with \$30 per month.

This is a moral issue. The men of the service worked or fought night and day for whatever the Government chose to pay them; they did not strike, neither did they get ten percent plus. They only obeyed orders. The only record we have of the whole company disobeying orders was that one of our companies were charging the Hun and the officer gave orders to halt, but they captured several German dugouts before obeying him.

At a public mass meeting held in the Armory Hall the plan was discussed and voted on. Every one present voted to request Congress to enact a law in accordance with the plan.

Some people oppose the plan because it will cost the Government three (\$3)-billion dollars, saying that we are not able to stand it. Such statements are an insult to the flag, for our experts tell us that it would have cost us over twenty-five (25) billion dollars per year to have carried the war on several years longer and they further state that we could have financed it for a number of years under our same Liberty Bond plan. Now, taxes, don't faint, for our generation could pay three (3) billion off by an average increased tax of just one dollar per year for each person of the United States. Our great country is not bankrupt; no, far from it. A vast amount of money we have borrowed has been invested in permanent improvements and bonds of our Allies and should we be disposed to do so we can collect the balance from Germany. Our government is better off financially than any government or institution in the world today.

Others oppose it, saying that it would put too much money in the hands of the irresponsible. Well, when you hear a man talking like that, he either does not know what class of men are in the service or he is one of those kind of men that asked every one of his friends to sign his or his son's exemption card while your boy or brother was going to the front to defend humanity.

There is no charity in this plan. It will only give the men what they have earned three and a very small portion of what they deserve. How much would we have had if it had not been for the men of the service?

Would it be giving our service men a fair deal to only give them a one month bonus when their commercial competitors have saved a few thousand dollars for a rainy day, while the gates of our national treasury were swung wide open for necessity?

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

ROY F. SCOTT

Roy F. Scott died in Bangor, Me., Saturday, Feb. 1. He had just returned from France where he was in the 301st artillery. He was taken ill while visiting friends in Bangor.

Mr. Scott was born in Glover 28 years ago. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Scott. He was in business with his father until he went to war. Besides his father and mother he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Fred Babcock and Miss Phoebe Scott, and one brother, Lindol M. Scott. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the home and was private. The bearers were Amos W. Scott, Lindol Scott, Fred Babcock and Stephen C. Carpenter. Rev. Doris F. Scott, officiated. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

It's a cinch that the kind of wife who'll have a match ready for her husband's pipe hasn't got any kids.

CALEDONIA COUNTY FOLKS GATHER HERE FOR BIG MEETING

Are Guests of St. Johnsbury In Farmer's Day Gathering Tuesday

Six hundred and seventy members of the Caledonia County Farm Bureau gathered in Pythian hall Tuesday to hold the annual meeting of the organization. The hall was jammed to capacity to hear the program which featured the annual report of Leland Wood, the county agent, and an address by Glen Seavey.

Five hundred sat down to dinner which was served by the following: Mrs. Samuel Somerville, Mrs. Henry Ellis, and Mrs. Harry Waite.

The meeting opened at 10:30 in the morning, and much interesting detail about the work of the organization was brought out. The exchange profits since August 13 have been \$680.34.

The next annual meeting will be held the third Saturday in June, 1920. The following directors were elected: Directors, A. P. Stoddard, Sutton; W. P. Russell, Kirby; E. H. Hallatt, St. Johnsbury Center; E. C. Chandler, Waterford; George Perkins, Hardwick; W. A. Simpson, Lyndon; Fred Cadapee, Danville; A. A. Lewis, Walden; A. J. Higgins, St. Johnsbury; Frank Shaw, Peacham.

The Woman's Department of the Caledonia County Farm Bureau met February 4 in Pythian hall at 11 o'clock. Miss Bertha Lee, President, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Alvin Flint, secretary, read report of the meeting when the organization took place, Jan. 20. The officers now in effect are as follows: President, Miss Bertha Lee; vice-president, Mrs. W. P. Russell; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Alvin Flint.

Chairman of the Advisory Council in the different towns in the county are as follows: Barret, Mrs. Henry Roy; Burke, Mrs. Ira Hunter; West Burke, Mrs. Harris Fyler; Danville, Green and North Danville, Mrs. C. H. Kimball; West Danville, Mrs. F. B. Milliken; Groton, Mrs. L. S. Blanchard; Hardwick, Mrs. E. B. Fay; Kirby, Mrs. W. P. Russell; Lyndon, Mrs. A. N. Wetherbee; Newark, Mrs. Porter Wallace; Peacham, Mrs. W. B. Martin; Ryegate, Mrs. A. R. Bone; St. Johnsbury, Miss Florence Rouse; Shelburne, Mrs. Harry Davis; Sutton, Mrs. Charles Aldrich; Stannard, Mrs. Jason Hutchins; Walden, Mrs. G. H. Hazleton; Wheelock, Mrs. Will Hutchinson; Wheelock Hollow, Mrs. Warner Willey.

CAPT. H. W. ELLIS IS PROMOTED BY GOV. CLEMENT

Local Veteran Is Appointed Major in State Militia

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

(Special to The Caledonian)
Montpelier, Feb. 1—Governor Clement appointed, this morning, Melvin G. Morse of Hardwick, as municipal judge to take the place of Clinton G. Fyfe, who has been the incumbent for the past two years.

Other appointments made today are Major Aaron H. Grout of Newport to be lieutenant colonel and Capt. Henry W. Ellis of St. Johnsbury to be major in the Vermont volunteer militia. Rufus E. Brown of Burlington is appointed judge of the Burlington city court and Lt.-Col. Preston H. Hadley of Bellows Falls has been promoted to the rank of colonel and placed in command of the first regiment of the militia.

Captain Henry W. Ellis of St. Johnsbury, now Major, was born in St. Johnsbury and has always been active in the military organizations of the town. Major Ellis was captain of Co. D, Vermont national guard, from Feb. 9, 1898 to Nov. 25, 1904. He enlisted June 1, 1891 as private, was promoted to the rank of corporal in June, 1894, was made sergeant in June, 1895, first sergeant in June, 1896, first lieutenant in December, 1897, and captain in February, 1898. He served through the Spanish war as junior captain of the Vermont regiment. In June, 1918 he recruited and formed Co. G, of the Vermont volunteer militia and has served as captain of that organization since.

His many friends in St. Johnsbury are more than pleased at Major Ellis well merited promotion.

LIEUT. TIERNEY IS ENTERTAINED BY THE WOUNDED

Pvt. Houser of 314th Infantry Proves a Fine Story Teller

DOCTOR HEARS TALES

A Rattling Good Hospital Story From "French" and "Camp"

The portable dressing table of Lieut. Tierney was being pushed through the main entrance of ward No. 18, and Private Houser of Machine Gun Company, 314th Infantry, 79th Division, who suffered a badly shattered right foot, looked up, smiled and said:

"Hello, Doc, what can we do for you?"

Now it so happened that Houser was the patient and Lieut. Tierney the physician, so the latter replied:

"Nothing, my boy. I'm here to give that dressing of yours the once over."

A little while before Houser had the misfortune to fall in getting out of bed, and the wound, which had not troubled him in weeks, was paining him so that he could scarcely find a comfortable position. Private Engstader of the 1st Division, who bears an ugly mark on his left leg from the Soissons encounter, jumped out of bed and ran to Houser's side.

"Let me help you, Doc," said the Soissons hero, who hobbled over on one leg.

Lieut. Tierney soon discovered that Houser's recent hurt was not serious and reassured the Meade fighter that he would soon be all right. Meanwhile Engstader stood on one foot and held his companion's leg while the surgeon readjusted the dressing.

"Does it hurt much, old man?" asked the lieutenant.

"No, go ahead, sir. My middle name is pain," said Houser.

The surgeon talked over the troubles of the various fellows about him and explained how they would be getting along very rapidly soon.

There was no need for an effort to "brace them up." The boys had all the "pop" in the world. Houser was looked upon by those about him as a show all by himself. He told a story of how his company was waiting along a roadway swept by machine gun fire when a sniper's bullets were heard hissing over their heads every moment or so.

"Finally," said Houser, "one of our men declared that he would get the sniper regardless of danger, so he took his Browning gun and set it up right in the middle of the road. He had no idea where the German was perched, but he turned his gun back and forth and let the bullets go where they would. Presently he cried, 'Look!' and we turned to the woods nearby which he was sweeping with his fire and a German sniper was seen falling from a lofty position to earth, a victim of his courage and determination."

"How did you get yours?" asked the "Y" man.

"Oh, I just tried to stop a whole shell," said Private Romans of Company K, 9th Infantry, 2d Division, who really had 14 wounds in him when the surgeons stopped counting. His legs are so badly hurt that he does not try to do any going about. He was unconscious more than two weeks after being hurt.

"And what do you think? I met my old sergeant," continued Romans, a Kentuckian, "and I had not seen him since I left the company on the firing line months ago. I was being taken out of the train and put in an ambulance at Disney the other night when my old friend, Sergt. Conway, was brought in and placed in the same ambulance. He is in a private room in ward 18 and was operated on yesterday, but I think he is doing nicely."

Incidentally, Romans cleared up a situation regarding the charge that American artillery was poorly trained and killed many of their own side.

"They did fire on many of their own men," said Romans, "but this was not their own fault generally, as the doughboys advanced beyond the objectives marked out for them and thus ran into the barrage. I was a doughboy myself and know whereof I speak."

Houser declared that he was wounded by a high explosive shell on the Verdun front and that Col. Oury and his Meade boys were advancing splendidly when the shot came which laid Houser and a number of his company low. One of the group then told a story of how a shell killed a mule and left untouched another animal in the same team, and the driver, too, went unhurt. This was Enzstadt who

BUSINESS IS ON AGAIN IN LEGISLATURE WITH MANY MINOR BILLS TO THE FORE

Senate Confirms Many of Governor Clements Appointments In Session This Morning With Many Surprises to Local People

OVER THIRTY BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE TODAY AND SIX IN THE SENATE

Upper House Welcomes New Member, William P. McKillup of Burlington, Who Takes the Seat Vacated by Senator S. R. Moulton

(Special to the Caledonian)

Montpelier, Feb. 4—The following appointments by Gov. Clement were confirmed by the Senate in executive session this morning.

Eli H. Porter of Wilmington, member of the Public Service Commission for six years.

George B. Carpenter of Hartford Bank Commissioner for two years.

John E. Weeks of Middlebury, Director of State Institutions for two years.

Will L. Davis of Rutland, Member of Board of Control for two years.

Rollin M. Pelton of Richford, member of Board of Supervisor of Insane for six years.

W. T. Shatton of Morrisville, member of State Board of Health for two years.

F. Thomas Kidder of Woodstock, member of Board of Health for four years.

George H. Perkins of Burlington, State Geologist for two years.

There are three members of the Board of Trustees of the public funds of Middlebury College: Patrick A. Hoar, A. J. I. Stoddard.

Stoddard Bates has been sent in for reappointment as State Highway Commissioner.

Montpelier, Feb. 4—With over 50 bills introduced in the House today and half a dozen in the Senate the fifth week of the 1919 Vermont Legislature begins to make the session take on a normal appearance; and more new legislation may be expected before the lawmakers take their next week-end vacation.

The legislators returned Monday and last evening both Houses met long enough to get rid of a good-sized amount of routine business. None of the prospective laws in either branch caused even a slight ripple of excitement and the presiding officers and clerks worked harder getting thru the calendars than did the members themselves.

The Senate welcomed a new member in the person of William R. McKillup, who was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Sherman R. Moulton of the Queen City, elevated to the Superior bench by the Legislature two weeks ago. Senator McKillup was appointed chairman of the General committee and the committee on public health, Senator Tracy resigning to make room for his new colleague, and Senator Maurice giving up the job of guiding the general committee. Senator McKillup was also given a place on the judiciary committee and Senator Maurice was made chairman of the committee on municipal corporations, considerable jockeying being done by the committee on standing committees to find suitable

Montpelier, February 3—Prospects of the shortest session of the Vermont General Assembly held in recent years grow brighter day by day and it would not be surprising, according to those who have watched the workings of the law makers for decades, if adjournment sine die occurs just before the March election, town meeting day, the first Tuesday of next month. There are fewer bills by far than were introduced in 1917, or 1915 or 1912 for that matter, and with the prohibition question settled definitely and with both houses strong for granting women the right to vote, very little prospective legis-

lated the story and who went through the great triumph at Cantigny and later at Soissons.

Houser declared that his command-er, Capt. F. F. Battles, was killed the day before the signing of the armistice, and that he was a great soldier. Lacey, a florist, who was in the 4th Division, was wounded in the leg and is doing nicely. He is a Washingtonian, and intends soon to go back with his father in the same business,

cause an extended session. According to the rules Senators cannot introduce any more individual bills, the rule being that the measures must be introduced or in the hands of the revisers of bills by the first day of February. Of course there are a few in the files of the revisers and others may appear from time to time from committees but the influx will not be as great as during the opening days. The same rule applies to the House only the members of that branch of the Legislature have until tomorrow to get their ideas presented to their fellow members in concrete form.

Both houses meet at 8 o'clock tonight after the regular week-end vacation and less than a dozen bills will be presented in the House and perhaps two or three in the Senate. The present body of lawmakers have not given any indications of being over anxious to "stick to their knitting" and work Saturday mornings and Monday afternoons as did the body of two years ago but on the other hand this assembly has less in-

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out this year the Senate has shown that it is for woman's rights to vote by about two to one and seems to be giving the women of the State as many franchise rights as can be given them without an amendment to the State Constitution, which amendment cannot be effected this year.

The bill to allow drafted men to draw state pay, ten dollars a month for every month in the service of the country, has been introduced and it is believed that it will pass both houses without much debate. Gov. Clement favored such action and advocated it in his campaign last fall and to the average person it seems only fair that the drafted men should have the right to the money the same as the enlisted men. It means considerable expense to the state but possibly would be money well spent as it will aid many a man who has been discharged and is having trouble securing employment.

This state will probably not consider any measure looking to the finding of employment for discharged soldiers because the situation is different in Vermont than in the states which contain large centers of population and there is not likely to be any serious difficulty in soldiers obtaining jobs. Many will have their former positions back and others will undoubtedly be glad to return to or take up farm work.

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